

3. ~~54~~. The composition as claimed in Claim ~~53~~², wherein said pharmaceutical agent is a bone growth factor.

4. ~~55~~. The composition of Claim 1, wherein said biomaterial compound has the formula:
 $(Ca)_i[(P_{1-x-y-z}B_xC_yD_z)O_j]_2$

wherein B, C and D are selected from those elements having an ionic radius of approximately 0.1 to 0.4Å;

x is greater than or equal to zero but less than 1;

y is greater than or equal to zero but less than 1;

z is greater than or equal to zero but less than 1;

x + y + z is greater than zero but less than 1; and

i is greater than or equal to 2 but less than or equal to 4; and

j is equal to 4-δ, where δ is greater than or equal to zero but less than or equal to 1.

5. ~~56~~. The composition as claimed in Claim ~~55~~⁴, wherein B is silicon.

6. ~~57~~. The composition as claimed in Claim ~~55~~⁴, wherein B is boron.

B²
concl.